

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Following entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1 to 3, 5 to 7, 10, 13 to 15, 17 to 20, 29 to 33, 36, 37, 43 to 51, 55, 56, 63 to 65, 73, 74, and 101 will be pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended, claim 35 has been canceled, without prejudice, and new claim 101 has been added, herein. Because the amendments remove issues for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry thereof. MPEP § 714.13.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objections of record in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Objections to the Claims

Claim 35 has been objected to as containing subject matter that is not within the generic concept identified in the Office Action dated May 7, 2002. More specifically, the Advisory Action indicates that the generic concept identified by the Examiner is directed to ring J as a three to seven-membered ring containing oxygen as the only heteroatom. The Advisory Action asserts that the first, ninth, tenth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and twenty-third compounds of the table recited in claim 35 do not fall within the generic concept, and suggests that claim 35 be amended to limit the claim to those compounds that fall within the generic concept.

Claim 35 has been cancelled and new claim 101 has been added, which is directed to the compounds of cancelled claim 35 that fall within the generic concept identified by the Examiner. More specifically, new claim 101 is identical to previous claim 35 except a first column has been added to the table in which compound numbers are recited, and compounds II-02, II-10, II-11, II-14 to II-18, II-24, II-50, II-51a, II-51bc, II-51d, II-55, II-56, and II-59

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have been deleted from the table. Applicants respectfully submit that the objection has been obviated, and request withdrawal thereof.

Miscellaneous

Claim 1 has been amended to encompass certain of the compounds of Table VII that the Advisory Action indicates are not objectionable. More specifically, the definitions of A, B, C, D, E, and F of ring J have been amended. Support for the amendments is found in original claim 1 and in Table VII on pages 48 to 51 of specification as filed. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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